

### REMARKS

Entry of the instant amendment and examination of the above-identified application as amended is respectfully requested.

The title of the instant application has been amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims 1-17 remain in the application as originally filed.

Claim 18 has been amended and claims 19-23 have been cancelled to eliminate multiple dependencies and to place the claims in better compliance with U.S. practice, respectively.

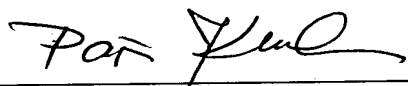
New claim 24 has been added to cover the subject matter cancelled from claim 18 by the instant amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter has been incorporated by the amendment.

In view of the above, early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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